

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.


Sandra Yvette GARCIA (1),
Juliana PARRA (2),
Defendants.

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Magistrate Case No.:
COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960
Importation of a Controlled Substance
(Felony)


The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

That on or about September 06, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendants Sandra Yvette GARCIA and Juliana PARRA did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 68.38 kilograms (150.44 pounds) of marijuana a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.


Sara Galvan ICE Special Agent
U.S. Immigration & Customs
Enforcement

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, THIS EIGHT, DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2008.


PETER C. LEWIS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, Special Agent Sara Galvan, declare under penalty of perjury, the following is true and correct:


On September 6, 2008, Sandra Yvette GARCIA and Juliana PARRA entered the United States through the Calexico, California West Port of Entry at 2145 hrs. GARCIA was the driver and registered owner of a white 1999 Chevrolet Suburban, and PARRA along with three other occupants were passengers.

While Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) Randolph conducted a pre-primary operation his Human Narcotic Detector Dog (HNDD) alerted positive for the presence of controlled substances in the 1999 Chevrolet Suburban. At the primary booth CBPO Pelayo received a negative Customs declaration from GARCIA. CBPO Pelayo observed how the gas tank appeared to have been tampered with. CBPO Pelayo escorted the vehicle and all five occupants to the secondary lot for further inspection.

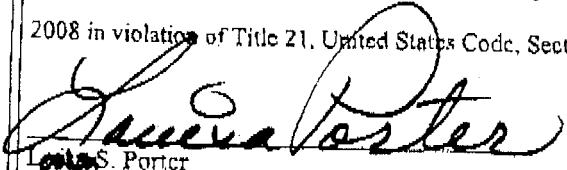
In secondary, CBPO Carp received a negative Customs declaration from all occupants. GARCIA stated that she had owned the vehicle since August 2008. Further inspection of the vehicle revealed the gas tank was solid and appeared to have been tampered with. CBPO Carp discovered several packages concealed in the gas tank. CBPO Carp probed a package which field-tested positive for the presence of marijuana. A total of 65 packages were removed from the vehicle with a net weight of approximately 68.38 kilograms (150.44 pounds) of marijuana.


GARCIA was placed under Miranda, waived her rights and admitted to knowledge of the presence of controlled substances and financial gain and stated that PARRA had knowledge and gain in the smuggling attempt. GARCIA stated that the initial smuggling offer had been made to PARRA and that she was coordinating telephone calls from smugglers detailing them what to do. PARRA was placed under Miranda and invoked her right to have an attorney present and no further questions were asked.

Executed on 09/07/2008 @ 05:00 p.m.


SARA GALVAN
ICE SPECIAL AGENT

On the basis of the facts presented in the probable cause statement consisting of 1 page, I find probable cause to believe that the defendants named in this probable cause statement committed the offense on September 06, 2008 in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 & 960.


Leta S. Porter
United States Magistrate Judge


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